

STREET CAR SYSTEM WILL BE BEST IN THE WORLD

Plans All But Completed Whereby
Hammond Will Have Perfect
Urban and Interurban Service

ALL NEEDED IS OFFICIALS' FORMAL SANCTION

Informally Their Pledge is Already Won to the Cause

—Elegant Coaches and a Magnificent Funeral

Train Will be Features.

It is almost too good to be true, but Hammond is to have a new street railway system that will compete with the present line and will cover the whole territory in Hammond with an idea of meeting the demands of traffic for years to come. The service is to be as good as any in the world.

The new line is to be built and operated by the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban company and will be used as a feeder for the main line which runs north of the Wabash tracks in this city and which will be in operation within a few months.

The matter of the granting of the franchise has been under consideration by the mayor, council and board of public works of this city for some time, and it may be stated authoritatively that they have arrived at an understanding with the officials of the interurban company by which that company has been definitely promised a franchise.

The Hammond line will not be built until the main line has been constructed and is in operation and then the engineers, together with the city officials, will set about arranging the route in this city and the franchises will be granted in accordance with these plans.

H. A. Lemon is Authority.

The Lake County Times is able to give its readers this information as a result of an interview with H. A. Lemon, who is in charge of the construction of the line and has been in the employ of the Hanna people, who are financing the project and who have built thousands of miles of interurban lines in the east.

Another interesting feature about the new line is that it is to be constructed according to what is known as the figure 8 plan, whereby there are to be two loops, spreading over the entire city and having the point where the lines cross in the heart of the business district.

At another point on the figure 8 there will be a junction with the main line of the interurban road where perfect connections will be made with the through cars to Chicago via the Kensington and Eastern, to Gary, Michigan City, South Bend and all points east.

Has Been Tried Before.

It is said these same promoters are operating cars over a figure 8 route in Cleveland, O., and the plan is so successful that it has been decided to employ it in every case where a city attains any size and where there is good prospect of a rapid growth in the future.

Mr. Lemon said at first the main line of the road would be operated by steam dummy engines until the power house could be built and the equipment secured. Then, the most magnificent interurban coaches that have ever been seen in the west, will be put on the line and the people of this community will be given an opportunity to see what real interurban luxury is.

It is planned, as was said before, to make the Hammond line one of several feeders that are to be built in

or through every city of any size through which the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend interurban line and its eastern connections are to pass.

The Hammond figure 8 loop will be one of the most important of these feeders. It had been hoped to secure a franchise in Gary and build a large feeder line there but the company was outbid for the franchise and so was compelled to give up the idea.

Trunk Road On Air Line.

As is generally known, the main line is to be an air line and will go in an easterly direction as straight as the crow flies. The route is through the northern part of Hammond and through East Chicago, but instead of deviating in its course to Indiana Harbor, a feeder has already been built to that city from a point in the eastern part of East Chicago and will be relied upon to gather the traffic from that point.

One of the important considerations concerning the Hammond line is the cemeteries. It is said that for the first time a street railroad is to recognize the fact that Hammond is the burying ground for the whole Calumet region including South Chicago and that one of the loops of the figure 8 is to be so arranged as to take in every cemetery of importance in the vicinity and that one of the specialties of the road will be to run funeral trains out from South Chicago, and all points along the line for that matter, to the Hammond cemeteries.

Best in the World.

What is most important of all this service that is to be given on the Hammond loop is to be as good as can be found anywhere in the world. A ten or fifteen minute schedule will be arranged at the start and the cars will run on schedule time to the half minute.

This will be necessary in order that perfect connections be made with the main line and because the company believes it is good business policy. Mr. Lemon explained how he arranged the schedule on the Cleveland line when it was first put in operation.

He first ran a car over the whole route as fast as he could safely run it and then took the same car and ran it over the route as fast as he could and make all of the stops. He then struck an average and the Cleveland road is using the same schedule today.

It is said the Hammond board of public works will arrange the route of the new road with an idea of having it traverse as many unpaved streets as possible as long as this policy would not be inconsistent with a well selected route and the company has agreed that the franchise shall require it to pave and maintain a strip of the road sixteen feet wide.

The Hanna interests which are back of the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend have unlimited resources. Heretofore their operations have been mainly in the east but the company intends to branch out and extend its interests to the middle west. Hence the great plans for the Calumet region which now has a brighter future than any section in the whole United States.

ACCOUNTS FOR TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

Learned That Dredging Company is Dumping Refuse
From Calumet River Near Hammond Intake—

War Department Notified.

City officials have learned that the government dredgers who are working on deepening the channel of the Calumet river at South Chicago, have been and still are dumping their refuse into the lake in the vicinity of the intake of the Hammond water works. This practice is believed to be in a large measure responsible for the present epidemic of typhoid fever. The city officials are outraged at the carelessness of the contracting company and have already taken steps to abate the nuisance.

This morning City Attorney Legrand T. Meyer, acting under instructions from the city council, dispatched a letter to the war department at Washington, complaining of the company and asking the department to take action in the matter and prohibit the further practice, as if continued the health of the entire community would be jeopardized. The stuff taken from the bottom of the putrid Calumet river, into which hundreds of sewers drain, contains enough typhoid and other disease germs to annihilate the entire

population of the region dependent upon the local water works for its supply of drinking water.

Referring to the matter this morning Mr. Meyer declared that a glass water drawn unfiltered from a city faucet contained, if allowed to settle, a quarter of an inch of mud at times when the dumping was going on with the most activity.

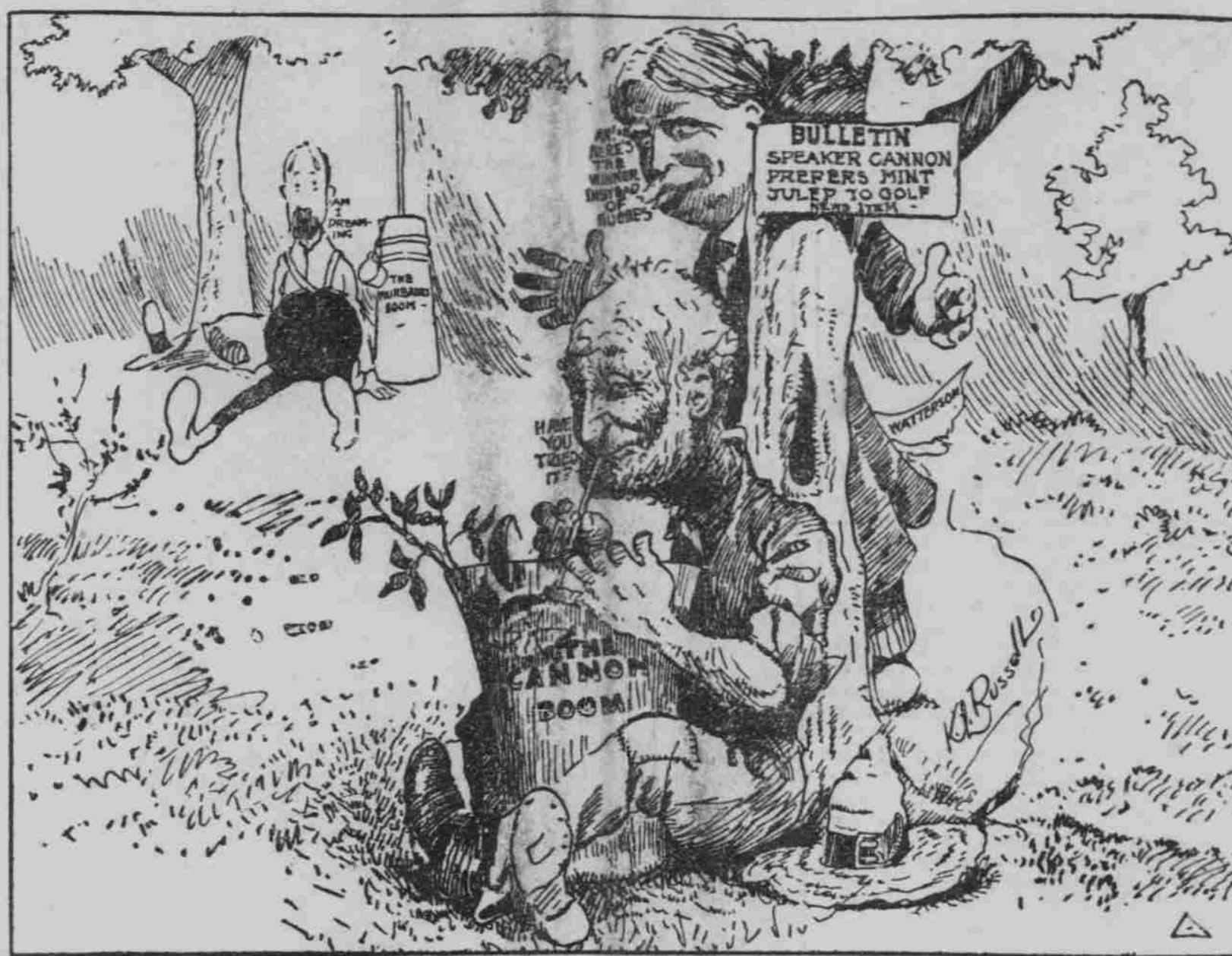
A reply to the communication of the city attorney is expected within a few days.

NO QUORUM AGAIN.

For the second successive week, the city council failed to have a quorum last night, and there or four aldermen who showed up and were compelled to leave without transacting any business. A good many of the city fathers are probably out of town and this would account for the small number which has been present in the last two weeks.

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THE WINNING OF KENTUCKY.



—Russell in Washington Post

REITER GETS COMMISSION

New Superior Judge Sworn
Into Office by Judge
Gillett.

TAKES SEAT SEPT. 1

Identity of Successor a Matter of
Speculation—Who Will Succeed
Bowers?

Judge Virgil S. Reiter of the Lake superior court was sworn into office this morning by Judge John H. Gillett of the supreme court of Indiana. The ceremony took place in Judge Reiter's law office in the majestic block at 11 o'clock this morning, when with upraised hand he swore to defend the constitution of the United States and the laws of Indiana, and to faithfully fulfill the office of Judge of the Lake superior court.

Judge Reiter's commission arrived from Indianapolis this morning and there was no time lost in securing Judge Gillett to administer the oath of office. Mr. Reiter will enter upon his new duties as Judge of the continuous court at the beginning of the September term of court, and the term of office will expire in January, 1909. There is now nothing more to be done before Mr. Reiter takes his seat on the bench.

As to his successor in the office of United States commissioner, no one seems to know at the present time as to who will get the plum.

Several candidates have been suggested, but so far as can be learned they are merely suggestions and a strong fight has not been developed for the office. The appointment of his successor cannot be made until the return of Judge Anderson, who is now sojourning in Europe. He is not expected to return until the last of August.

There seems to be no doubt about the sincerity of Attorney Bowers' declaration that he will resign from his office as referee in bankruptcy and there is now much speculation as to his successor. It is understood that the various matters in connection with the office are now being put in shape and the resignation will take place along with the other events which will happen on the return of Judge Anderson.

Among the names mentioned as those who look with kindly eye toward the future vacancy are Attorney David C. Atkinson and Attorney William J. Whitney. So far as can be learned neither have openly declared their desire to get the office, but it is understood that both are quietly laying their wires.

FALLS INTO CELLAR;
BREAKS HIS COLLAR BONE.

Joseph Jones, a helper to a teamster, employed by S. C. Carley, sustained a broken collar bone this morning while unloading express at the Hammond building. Jones had been picked up for the job and was working with several teamsters unloading the large rolls of paper upon which the LAKE COUNTY TIMES is printed when he slipped, falling head first into the basement. Several men who were standing by rushed to the injured man. He was taken to a physician's office where his injuries were dressed and the broken bone set. Later he was removed to his home on the east side.

HENRY INSLEY OUT OF HOSPITAL

Victim Assaulted, Will, Return for Further
Treatment.

(Special to Lake County Times.)

Whiting, Ind., Aug. 7.—Henry Insley, who had his jaw broken as a result of an encounter with Charles Harvey, has just returned from the South Chicago hospital and was out for the first time since the accident happened.

The two men, both quite old and are carpenters. Mr. Insley was going along the street with a ladder on his shoulder, when Harvey came up and claimed it.

When Insley refused to turn over the property, he was knocked down and kicked most brutally. Harvey was arrested and placed under bonds to await the result of his victim's injuries.

As Insley has not recovered, it will be necessary for him to return to the hospital again. Mr. Insley has the sympathy of the whole city as he is known to be a very pleasant and peaceful old gentleman. He buried his wife just two weeks before the assault.

CHINAMEN TAKE WHITE BRIDES

Chicago Celestials Marry
American Sisters in
Crown Point.

Crown Point, Aug. 7.—Two orientals decided to make two white girls their brides and the marriage took place at Crown Point in the afternoon.

The girls were sisters, Lillian and Ann Floy, and were married to two Chinese, Yao Toy and Schick Ju. It is not known where the party came from, but it is believed the Chinese are from Chicago.

There is an S. Ju in the Chicago Telephone directory, but there is no indication as to what his occupation is or even if he is a Chinaman. The address is given as 6528 Ross avenue.

The girls seemed very happy with their yellow husbands and were in the best of spirits when they left the court house on the way to the squire's office.

The news that two white girls had married two "iron pushers" aroused considerable interest in this city and everybody craned their necks to get a look at the couples.

GRIFFITH OUT AFTER AUTOMOBILISTS

Large Signs Posted Warning
Against High Speed;
Law on Offenders.

(Special to Lake County Times.)

Griffith, Ind., August 7.—The people of Griffith have declared war on the automobilists. They have run over their chickens and frightened their horses so frequently that they have decided to put a stop to it all and require the owners of "benzine buggies"

"THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES"

Jamestown Party Fall Back
on Stock Phrase to
Express Joy.

WASHINGTON IS O. K.

Girls See Nation's Capital and This
Morning Leave on
River Trip.

"Washington certainly looks good to us," was the verdict of THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES Jamestown party yesterday, after a day's sightseeing in the National capital.

Not a public building or an interesting villa escaped the vigilance of the young ladies in their search for data to make up the vivid story that each and every one will be telling to the folks at home all winter. They have exhausted the supply of postal cards at each place they visited and because of the short space of time allowed for letter writing they have got down to the well worn expression, "We are having the time of our lives." They have tried every other explanation of the wonders of the trip but this one seems to hit the idea in a few words.

"Will We Ever Be There?"

Washington certainly made a hit with the girls. They were infatuated with the wonderful buildings and palatial suites where the sons of their Uncle Sam carry on his work. And the White House, that expressive example of the simplicity of the United States people, yet showing their love for nature, caught the fancy of each and every one of them. And the girls all got to wondering whether or not they would ever get a chance to be the first lady of the land, but several seemed to think there was a chance as they thought of the Lake county boys they left behind.

This morning they were off on the Norfolk and Washington steamboat for an all day's sail on the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay. The start was made at 8 a. m. and everybody was on hand bright and early anticipating the pleasant boat ride towards the great Atlantic ocean. They will arrive at the fair grounds this evening, the boat pulling into Hampton Roads late in the afternoon. And then for the wonders of the Jamestown exposition. Three days of it will make the girls hustle to keep up with events and they will see the sights that never come into most people's lives but once.

to use the slow speed gear while going through the city.

Signs so large that he who runs an automobile may read have been placed along the roads that enter the town and the marshal is waiting and ready to arrest the first violator of the speed ordinance.

In fact for the want of some more thrilling amusement, the people of Griffith are now going to take particular interest in running in violators of the law, and it is expected that the coffers of the town will be bulging with fines unless chauffeurs use a little more discretion in the handling of the levers on their machines.

It is not known that any one has been seriously hurt by a machine in Griffith, but the autos have a tantalizing way of just singing the whiskers of the farmers as they pass, and they don't like it.

Try a three time want ad.

HARBOR COVEYS NEW CITY HALL

Its Proposed Location in
East Chicago Arouses
Green-eyed Monster.

DEMANDS CONCESSIONS

Will Not Consent to Proposition Un-
Senior City Agrees to Do
Certain Things.

(Special to Lake County Times.)

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Aug. 7.—The people of Indiana Harbor are looking with anxious eyes on the program that the councilmen of their city have laid out regarding the building of a city hall.

They say that the Harbor is the big end of the town and while they recognize the seniority of East Chicago they do not think it should have all of the municipal improvements.

In fact the people of Indiana Harbor have about determined that they will only favor the building of the city hall in East Chicago providing the people of East Chicago will agree to the building of an adequate jail and fire station.

Another consideration will be the purchase of a lake front park. The people of Indiana Harbor noticed the popularity of the Hammond park and they have determined to have one of their own before the factories secure all of the desirable sites and make the park an impossibility.

So it is pretty well assured that no measure appropriating money for a city hall in East Chicago will be passed until these pet measures of the Indiana Harbor people are taken care of.

"The Harbor Has Come." The clash between the people of East Chicago and those of Indiana Harbor has wisely been avoided so far, but there will have to be a settlement sooner or later and the people of Indiana Harbor are going to see that it is not put off too long.

The Indiana Harbor State bank will erect an addition to its building at the corner of Michigan avenue and Guthrie streets and this will be occupied as the new postoffice. The bank has entered into a five year lease for the premises with the government.

The matter of the location of the postoffice is a weight that will be thrown in the Indiana Harbor side of the balance and there will have to be a sub-station in East Chicago, while the carriers will start on their deliveries from the Harbor.

It is said there will have to be a pretty clear understanding regarding some of these matters before the Indiana Harbor councilmen will favor the building of the East Chicago city hall and it is believed that the demands will be granted.

STRUCK ON HEAD BY LARGE SHIPPING CASE.

Frank Rhode, aged 14, was seriously injured this afternoon at the F. S. Betz company's plant. The youngster was working in the shipping department and was removing some large sample cases when one of them fell from the top of the pile, striking him on the forehead inflicting an ugly two-inch gash. The injured boy was removed to a physician's office where the wound was dressed. In caring for the wound it necessitated taking two stitches in the forehead.

WEATHER—Fair and slightly cooler tonight; Thursday warmer with showers late in afternoon or at night.

AWFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT INLAND STEEL PLANT; 3 HURT

Tons of Molten Metal, Released From Tipped Ladle,
Pour Over Bodies of Workmen Under-
neath—One Will Die.

Two men were terribly burned and one is dying at St. Margaret's hospital as a result of an accident which occurred in the mills of the Inland Steel company at Indiana Harbor last evening.

An enormous ladle of molten metal was tripped while passing through the air and spilled its contents, many tons of molten metal, over the bodies of the three men who happened to be standing under it.

The injured men are, Daniel Pestra, Indiana Harbor, injured about the body and will die. Thomas Thair, Indiana Harbor, injured about the face and neck, will recover. James Daugherty, Indiana Harbor, slightly injured. Pestra and Thair were taken to St. Margaret's hospital.

The accident is similar to those which happen so frequently at the plant of the Inland Steel company at South Chicago and which snuff out lives so often that it ceases to become an event of more than ordinary importance.

GRAVE PROBLEM FOR RIMBACH

Tramps Begin to Assume
Proportions of a Genu-
ine Menace.

ARE THE REAL HOBOS

Police Will Make Systematic Effort
to Rid City of the
Nuisance.

A serious question is now being discussed by the police of this city and the railroad authorities, and it concerns the tramp nuisance.

Since the beginning of the summer season the hobos have descended in a swarm upon Hammond and rural sections hereabouts and they have been so strong in numbers that they have become a pest.

It is thought that the recent activity of the police of Chicago under the new vagrancy law in forcing the "wont work gang" from the big city is responsible for their presence in this section in such large numbers, and now radical action will be taken by the police to chase them away from here.

With the many railroads passing through the city, it is a hard matter to keep the pests away from this locality. They jump off freight trains and start in to get a handout or a free beer in Hammond. They are getting so bold of late that instead of begging and whining they are demanding, and the officers think that the present time is the crucial moment to get busy.

Whole Camps of Them. Just outside the city, along the Michigan Central tracks, a large bunch of the hobos have been hanging out for the past week, making trips into the city and surrounding towns for the purpose of foraging. The railroad police have been unable to do anything with them, and they have boldly laughed at their efforts to drive them away. They steal fruit and vegetables from the surrounding farms besides lifting whatever they can from the railroad cars. The company appealed to the city police, and Chief Rimbach is trying to try a new method of getting rid of them, and with a squad of officers will assist them on their way out of the city.

Last night a swarm of them made things merry for a tower man out near Shoppers' park. They demanded food and shelter and the operator was compelled to send a message for assistance to the police of Hammond. Several officers were sent to the scene and the hobos saw them coming from afar and got into the woods away from them.

No Work for Them.

The men are clear-cut hobos without a doubt. The railroads are looking for men to work on sections but are unable to get any of these loafers to take a shovel, no matter what price is offered. Two members of the fraternity were holding a gabfest yesterday on the corner of Johnson street and they were approached by a section boss who asked them if they would go to work, offering them good pay. With a laugh they turned their backs on him, saying, "What do you take us for?"

The police will hereafter prosecute all the tramps they catch under the vagrancy law or under the tramp clause in the statutes. They declare that if there was a workhouse established in the city or county where the offenders could be sentenced to serve their time doing manual labor they would cut out Hammond like a city stricken with the plague.